

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : SHINOZAKI et al.. Customer No. 23838  
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Art Unit : 1638  
Title: : ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESPONSIVE PROMOTER  
Examiner : V. Kumar

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 28, 2007

SIR:

In response to the above-referenced non-final Office Action, the due date for which is hereby extended by petition, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

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